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A Basic09 Tutorial
by Bob Devries

Here is the BASIC code for the numbersquare programme from 'Microcomputing', June 1981. It is written in vanilla BASIC, but is suitable for Extended Colour Basic with minor modifications, in lines 140,490, 750, 920, 950 and 1450. Can you work out what to change? (Note please that a colon is used instead of a REM)

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0010 : Number square game
0020 : ver 4.0 - 12 nov 79
0030 : Marc I. Leavey, M.D.
0040 LINE= 0
0050 DIGITS= 0
0060 PRINT "NUMBER SQUARES"
0070 PRINT "-----"
0080 PRINT
0090 PRINT "WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF"
0100 PRINT "CONFUSION. THERE ARE TWO"
0110 PRINT "VERSIONS OF NUMBER SQUARES:"
0120 PRINT " 1 - SEQUENTIAL"
0130 PRINT " 2 - MAGIC SQUARE"
0140 INPUT "WHICH IS YOUR PLEASURE",T
0150 IF T=1 GOTO 310
0160 IF T<>2 GOTO 140
0170 :
0180 : SET UP MAGIC
0190 : SQUARE BOARD
0200 :
0210 FOR I=1 TO 4
0220 FOR J=1 TO 4
0230 READ M(I,J)
0240 LET B(I,J)=M(I,J)
0250 NEXT J
0260 NEXT I
0270 DATA 1,6,15,8,12,11,2,5,10,13,4,3,7,16,9,14
0280 LET I1=4
0290 LET J1=2
0300 GOTO 440
0310 :
0320 : SET UP SEQUENTIAL
0330 : BOARD
0340 :
0350 DIM B(4,4)
0360 FOR I=1 TO 4
0370 FOR J=1 TO 4
0380 LET B(I,J)=(I-1)*4+J
0390 NEXT J
0400 NEXT I
0410 LET I1=4
0420 LET J1=4
0430 :
0440 : NOW SCRAMBLE THE BOARD
0450 : TWO HUNDRED TIMES
0460 :
0470 PRINT "I AM NOW SCRAMBLING THE BOARD..."
0480 FOR Q=1 TO 200
0490 LET M=INT(1+RND*4)
0500 ON M GOTO 510,560,610,660
0510 IF I1=1 GOTO 490
0520 LET B(I1,J1)=B(I1-1,J1)
0530 LET B(I1-1,J1)=16
0540 LET I1=I1-1
0550 GOTO 700
0560 IF I1=4 GOTO 490
0570 LET B(I1,J1)=B(I1+1,J1)
0580 LET B(I1+1,J1)=16
0590 LET I1=I1+1
0600 GOTO 700
0610 IF J1=1 GOTO 490
0620 LET B(I1,J1)=B(I1,J1-1)
0630 LET B(I1,J1-1)=16
0640 LET J1=J1-1
0650 GOTO 700
0660 IF J1=4 GOTO 490
0670 LET B(I1,J1)=B(I1,J1+1)
0680 LET B(I1,J1+1)=16
0690 LET J1=J1+1
0700 NEXT Q
0710 :
0720 : PRINT BOARD
0730 :
0740 LET M9=0
0750 : OUTPUT A "HOME UP"
0760 PRINT CHR$(16);
0770 PRINT "-----"
0780 FOR I=1 TO 4
0790 FOR J=1 TO 4
0800 PRINT " ";
0810 IF B(I,J)=16 PRINT " ";:GOTO 840
0820 IF B(I,J)<10 PRINT " ";
0830 PRINT B(I,J);
0840 NEXT J
0850 PRINT "!"
0860 PRINT "-----"
0870 NEXT I
0880 :
0890 : ERASE REST OF SCREEN AND
0900 : BEEP FOR INPUT
0910 :
0920 PRINT CHR$(22);CHR$(7);CHR$(7);
0930 :
0940 : INPUT MOVE
0950 :
0960 INPUT "MOVE WHICH PIECE",M
0970 LET I1=0;J1=0
0980 FOR I=1 TO 4
0990 FOR J=1 TO 4
1000 IF B(I,J)=M THEN I1=I;J1=J
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1010 NEXT J
1020 NEXT I
1030 IF I1=0 THEN PRINT "I CAN'T FIND THAT
NUMBER":GOTO 940
1040 LET I2=0:J2=0
1050 FOR I=I1-1 TO I1+1
1060 IF I>4 GOTO 1090
1070 IF I<1 GOTO 1090
1080 IF B(I,J1)=16 THEN I2=I:J2=J1:GOTO 1170
1090 NEXT I
1100 FOR J=J1-1 TO J1+1
1110 IF J>4 GOTO 1140
1120 IF J<1 GOTO 1140
1130 IF B(I1,J)=16 THEN I2=I1:J2=J:GOTO 1170
1140 NEXT J
1150 LET M9=M9+1
1160 PRINT "NOT A VALID MOVE":GOTO 940
1170 LET B(I2,J2)=M
1180 LET B(I1,J1)=16
1190 ON T GOTO 1210,1320
1200 :
1210 : SEQUENTIAL SOLUTION
1220 :
1230 LET C=0
1240 FOR I=1 TO 4
1250 FOR J=1 TO 4
1260 IF B(I,J)<0 GOTO 720
1270 LET C=B(I,J)
1280 NEXT J
1290 NEXT I
1300 PRINT "YOU GOT IT!"
1310 GOTO 1450
1320 :
1330 : MAGIC SQUARE SOLUTION
1340 : CHECK
1350 :
1360 FOR I=1 TO 4
1370 FOR J=1 TO 4
1380 IF B(I,J)<>M(I,J) GOTO 720
1390 NEXT J
1400 NEXT I
1410 :
1420 : A WIN IS DECLARED!
1430 :
1440 PRINT "THAT IS THE CORRECT SOLUTION!"
1450 INPUT "LIKE TO PLAY ANOTHER GAME",I$
1460 IF LEFT$(I$,1)="Y" THEN RUN
1470 END

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The game is a fairly simple one based on the use of multi-dimensioned arrays. Note the use of colons at the beginning of REM lines, which is also possible in DEC8. Now comes the tricky part, the conversion to Basic09. Firstly I'll show you the code as I rewrote it, then I will explain it.

```

PROCEDURE numbersquare
BASE 1
(* version 4.0 - 12 NOV 79
(* Marc I. Leavey, MD
(* Basic09 version By Bob Devries April 91
DIM t:INTEGER
DIM i,j:INTEGER
DIM b(4,4):INTEGER
DIM i1,j1:INTEGER
DIM q,m,m9,c:INTEGER
DIM mm(4,4):INTEGER
DIM lop:BOOLEAN
DIM valid:BOOLEAN
DIM solution:BOOLEAN
DIM newgame:BOOLEAN
SHELL "mode -pause"
newgame=TRUE
WHILE newgame=TRUE DO
PRINT CHR$(12);
PRINT "NUMBER SQUARES"
PRINT "-----"
PRINT
PRINT "Welcome to the world of"
PRINT "confusion. There are two"
PRINT "versions of number squares:"
PRINT " 1 - sequential"
PRINT " 2 - Magic Square"
INPUT "Which is your pleasure ? ",t
IF t=1 THEN
RUN setupssb(b,i1,j1)
ELSE
RUN setupmsb(b,mm,i1,j1)
ENDIF
PRINT "I am now scrambling the board..."
FOR q=1 TO 200
lop=FALSE
WHILE lop=FALSE DO
m=1+RND(3)
IF m=1 THEN
IF i1<>1 THEN
b(i1,j1)=b(i1-1,j1)
b(i1-1,j1)=16
i1=i1-1
lop=TRUE
ENDIF
ENDIF
IF m=2 THEN
IF i1<>4 THEN
b(i1,j1)=b(i1+1,j1)
b(i1+1,j1)=16
i1=i1+1
lop=TRUE
ENDIF
ENDIF
IF m=3 THEN
IF j1<>1 THEN
b(i1,j1)=b(i1,j1-1)

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b(i1,j1-1)=16
j1=j1-1
lop=TRUE
ENDIF
ENDIF
IF m=4 THEN
IF j1<>4 THEN
b(i1,j1)=b(i1,j1+1)
b(i1,j1+1)=16
j1=j1+1
lop=TRUE
ENDIF
ENDIF
ENDWHILE
NEXT q
(* print board line 720
solution=FALSE
REPEAT
m9=0
RUN gfx2("cwarea",29,12,22,12)
PRINT "-----"
FOR i=1 TO 4
FOR j=1 TO 4
PRINT " ";
IF b(i,j)=16 THEN
PRINT " ";
ELSE
IF b(i,j)<10 THEN
PRINT " ";
ENDIF
PRINT b(i,j);
ENDIF
NEXT j
PRINT " : "
PRINT "-----"
NEXT i
(* input move
valid=FALSE
WHILE valid=FALSE DO
i1=0
j1=0
WHILE i1=0 DO
RUN gfx2("bell")
INPUT "Move which piece ? ",m
IF m=0 THEN
RUN gfx2("cwarea",0,0,80,24)
PRINT CHR$(12)
SHELL "mode pause"
END
ENDIF
FOR i=1 TO 4
FOR j=1 TO 4
IF b(i,j)=m THEN
i1=1
j1=j
ENDIF
ENDIF
NEXT j

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NEXT i
IF i1=0 THEN
PRINT "I can't find that number"
ENDIF
ENDWHILE
i2=0
j2=0
FOR i=i1-1 TO i1+1
IF i>=1 AND i<=4 THEN
EXITIF b(i,j1)=16 THEN
i2=i
j2=j1
valid=TRUE
ENDEXIT
ENDIF
NEXT i
IF valid=FALSE THEN
FOR j=j1-1 TO j1+1
IF j>=1 AND j<=4 THEN
EXITIF b(i1,j)=16 THEN
i2=i1
j2=j
valid=TRUE
ENDEXIT
ENDIF
NEXT j
ENDIF
IF valid=FALSE THEN
m9=m9+1
PRINT "Not a valid move"
ENDIF
ENDWHILE
b(i2,j2)=m
b(i1,j1)=16
IF t=1 THEN
c=0
FOR i=1 TO 4
FOR j=1 TO 4
IF b(i,j)<c THEN (* reprint board
solution=FALSE
ENDIF
c=b(i,j)
NEXT j
NEXT i
IF solution=TRUE THEN
PRINT "You got it!"
ENDIF
ENDIF
IF t=2 THEN
FOR i=1 TO 4
FOR j=1 TO 4
IF b(i,j)<mm(i,j) THEN (* reprint board
solution=FALSE
ENDIF
NEXT j
NEXT i
IF solution=TRUE THEN

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PRINT "That is the correct solution!"
ENDIF
ENDIF
UNTIL solution=TRUE
INPUT "Like to play another game ? ",i$
IF LEFT$(i$,1)="n" THEN (% rerun game
newgame=FALSE
ENDIF
ENDWHILE
RUN gfx2("cwarea",0,0,80,24)
SHELL "mode pause"
END
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PROCEDURE setupssb
BASE 1
PARAM b(4,4):INTEGER
PARAM i1,j1:INTEGER
DIM i,j:INTEGER
FOR i=1 TO 4
FOR j=1 TO 4
b(i,j)=(i-1)*4+j
NEXT j
NEXT i
i1=4
j1=4
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PROCEDURE setupmsb
BASE 1
PARAM b(4,4),mm(4,4):INTEGER
PARAM i1,j1:INTEGER
DIM i,j:INTEGER
FOR i=1 TO 4
FOR j=1 TO 4
READ mm(i,j)
b(i,j)=mm(i,j)
NEXT j
NEXT i
i1=4
j1=2
DATA 1,6,15,8,12,11,2,5,10,13,4,3,7,16,9,14
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OK, so here we go. First, I used the command BASE 1. This is because all the arrays in the BASIC programme start at 1, and Basic09 usually starts at zero (actually, BASIC does too, but I see no reason to waste valuable memory). Next, I dimensioned all the variables and arrays, including a variable type which you may not have seen before, the BOOLEAN type. This variable may only contain either TRUE or FALSE! I used the SHELL command to turn off the OS9 screen pause, so that the programme won't sit there waiting at what it thinks is the end of a screen. That can get a bit confusing!

The next thing you must realise is that I have used NO LINE NUMBERS! This is really the best

way to programme. Sure, Basic09 will allow their use, but the code is much more elegant without them, if a little more difficult to write. I set up a loop to allow the choice of whether to play another game which is done in line 1450 in the BASIC version. I used a WHILE loop here so that all I need to do is make a variable FALSE to exit the loop.

Next, after clearing the screen (printing a formfeed character), I print the opening message and ask the player for his choice of game. This follows through to line 160 of the BASIC programme. On the basis of the player's answer I RUN either the procedure 'setupssb' or 'setupmsb'. You may notice a slight variation here, I only tested for a '1' to select sequential, and any other key would run the magic square option. Then the next 38 lines do the same as lines 480 to 700 in the BASIC programme. You will notice that the BASIC programme uses quite a large number of GOTOs in this piece of code to break out of various parts of the code to continue the FOR-NEXT loop. I simply set a variable (lop) to TRUE and again used a WHILE loop. All the other variables have the same names, although you can of course use any name, and are not limited to two significant characters as in BASIC.

To make the screen easier to display, I used in this case a gfx2 command 'cwarea'. This command limits the area of the screen to be printed to, and means I don't need to use cursor manoeuvring code at every print line. I simply re-sized the screen to a 22 by 12 character box in approximately the middle of the (80 by 24) screen. So next I print the scrambled array to the screen with one space so that pieces may be moved around. The game is played by entering the number of the square which you want to move into the space. The programme checks to see if the number is one of the ones adjoining the space. A tone is sounded, and you are prompted for input. Pretty standard here, though I could just have used 'PRINT CHR\$(7)', but the gfx2 'bell' command is nicer. If the player enters zero, the programme resets the screen back to its 80 by 24 size, and clears the screen and quits.

The rest of the code is fairly straight forward, again the original uses many GOTOs to quit out of FOR-NEXT loops (not a good practice in my opinion, even in BASIC), and I have used boolean tests for this purpose. For every move made, the programme checks the array against the solution, and if the last move solves the puzzle it

One file, in English will not be removed.

OK, so there you have it. I would love to hear from you regarding your own trials and tribulations with Basic09 programmes, even if you don't really want to start out on conversions of this type, but are having difficulties managing some aspect of Basic09. Please write to me care of the newsletter editor, and let 'Professor Bob' help sharpen your programming skills.

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program except that it has one executable statement between the braces. The executable statement is another function. Once again, we will not worry about what a function is, but only how to use this one. In order to output text to the monitor, it is put within the function parentheses and bounded by quotation marks. The end result is that whatever is included between the quotation marks will be displayed on the monitor when the program is run. Notice the semi-colon at the end of the line. C uses a semi-colon as a statement terminator, so the semi-colon is required as a signal to the compiler that this line is complete. This program is also executable, so you can compile and run it to see if it does what you think it should.

Load the program WRTMORE.C and display it on your monitor for an example of more output and another small but important concept. You will see that there are four program statements in this program, each one being a "printf" function statement. The top line will be executed first, then the next, and so on, until the fourth line is complete. The statements are executed in order from top to bottom. Notice the funny character near the end of the first line, namely the backslash. The backslash is used in the printf statement to indicate a special control character is following. In this case, the "n"

indicates a new line, as is requested. This is an indication to return the cursor to the left side of the monitor and move down one line. It is commonly referred to as a carriage return/line feed. Any place within text that you desire, you can put a newline character and start a new line. You could even put it in the middle of a word and split the word between two lines. The C compiler considers the combination of the backslash and letter n as one character.

A complete description of this program is now possible. The first printf outputs a line of text and returns the carriage. The second printf outputs a line but does not return the carriage so the third line is appended to that of the second, then followed by two carriage returns, resulting in a blank line. Finally the fourth printf outputs a line followed by a carriage return and the program is complete. Compile and run this program to see if it does what you expect it to do. It would be a good idea at this time for you to experiment by adding additional lines of printout to see if you understand how the statements really work.

LET'S PRINT SOME NUMBERS

Load the file named ONEINT.C and display it on the monitor for our first example of how to work with data in a C program. The entry point "main" should be clear to you by now as well as the beginning brace. The first new thing we encounter is the line containing "int index;", which is used to define an integer variable named "index". The "int" is a reserved word in C, and can therefore not be used for anything else. It defines a variable that can have a value from -32768 to 32767 on most microcomputer implementations of C. Consult your users manual for the exact definition for your compiler. The variable name, "index", can be any name that follows the rules for an identifier and is not one of the reserved words for C. Consult your manual for an exact definition of an identifier for your compiler. The final character on the line, the semi-colon, is the statement terminator used in C.

We will see in a later chapter that additional integers could also be defined on the same line, but we will not complicate the present situation. Observing the main body of the program, you will notice that there are three statements that assign a value to the variable "index", but only one at a time. The first one assigns the value of 13 to "index",

and its value is printed out. (We will see how shortly.) Later, the value of 17 is assigned to "index", and finally 10 is assigned to it, each value being printed out. It should be intuitively clear that "index" is indeed a variable and can store many different values. Please note that many times the words "printed out" are used to mean "displayed on the monitor". You will find that in many cases experienced programmers take this liberty, probably due to the "printf" function being used for monitor display.

HOW DO WE PRINT NUMBERS

To keep our promise, let's return to the "printf" statements for a definition of how they work. Notice that they are all identical and that they all begin just like the "printf" statements we have seen before. The first difference occurs when we come to the % character. This is a special character that signals the output routine to stop copying characters to the output and do something different, namely output a variable. The % sign is used to signal the start of many different types of variables, but we will restrict ourselves to only one for this example. The character following the % sign is a "d", which signals the output routine to get a decimal value and output it. Where the decimal value comes from will be covered shortly. After the "d", we find the familiar \n, which is a signal to return the video "carriage", and the closing quotation mark.

All of the characters between the quotation marks define the pattern of data to be output by this statement, and after the pattern, there is a comma followed by the variable name "index". This is where the "printf" statement gets the decimal value which it will output because of the "%d" we saw earlier. We could add more "%d" output field descriptors within the brackets and more variables following the description to cause more data to be printed with one statement. Keep in mind however, that it is important that the number of field descriptors and the number of variable definitions must be the same or the runtime system will get confused and probably quit with a runtime error. Much more will be covered at a later time on all aspects of input and output formatting. A reasonably good grasp of this topic is necessary in order to understand the following lessons. It is not necessary to understand everything about output formatting at this time, only a

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Part 2

[ED: This source code sample has come to us via the BitNet message system, from Mark Griffith.]

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vol40    leax    -1,x
          beq     vol45

          exg     d,y
          addd    overflow,u
          exg     d,y
          addd    ,s
          bcc     vol40
          leay    1,y
          bra     vol40

* BRI:  clean up free clusters LSBs and old bytes in sector loop counter
vol45    leas    3,s      cleanup
*vol45   leas    2,s      cleanup

          std     nfree+2,u  Free sectors, low order
          sty     nfree,u    Free sectors, high order

* Print volume status info *

prnvol   lbrs     crlf
          leax    msg0,pcr  Point to "Volume; "
          bsr     pmsg      and print it
          lda     #$20      append a space
          bsr     listch    print that
          lda     #' "      Now a quote
          bsr     listch    print that
          leax    volname,u  Point to disk name
          bsr     pmsg      and print that
          lda     #' "      end with a quote
          bsr     listch    print that
          bsr     crlf      go to new line
          bsr     crlf      and another
          leax    msg3,pcr  Point to " Total: "
          lbrs     pmsg      print it
          leax    total,u   Point to Total Sectors
          bsr     dbiprez    Get the ASCII number
          leax    msg1,pcr  Point to " sectors ("
          lbrs     pmsg      print it
          leax    total,u   Point to bytes total
          ldd     1,x        multiply by 256
          std     ,x
          lda     3,x
          sta     2,x
          clr     3,x
          bsr     dbiprez    Get the ASCII number
          leax    msg2,pcr  Point to " bytes)"
          bsr     pmsg      and print
          bsr     crlf      Print a newline
          leax    msg4,pcr  Point to " Free: "
          lbrs     pmsg      print it
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leax nfree,u    Point to sectors free
bsr  dbiprez    Get the ASCII number
leax msg1,pcr   Point to " sectors ("
bsr  pmsg       print it
leax nfree,u    Point to bytes free
ldd  1,x        multiply by 256
std  ,x
lda  3,x
sta  2,x
clr  3,x
bsr  dbiprez    Get the ASCII number
leax msg2,pcr   Point to " bytes)"
bsr  pmsg       and print that too
bsr  crlf       Do a couple newlines
clrb          No errors
lbra  exit      Finish up

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* Subroutines

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* Print strings *

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pmsg  pshs a,x
pmsg2  lda ,x+
      beq  pmsg9
      bsr  listch
      tst  -1,x
      bpl  pmsg2
pmsg9  puls a,x,pc

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* Send character in reg A to output *

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listch  pshs d,x,y
      tfr  a,b
      bra  sendc1

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crlf    pshs d,x,y
      ldb  #$0d
      bra  sendc1

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sendc   pshs d,x,y
sendc1  andb #$7f
      pshs b
      tfr  s,x
      ldy  #1
      ldx  #1
      os9  i$writln
      leas l,s
sendc9  puls d,x,y,pc

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* Double precision (62 bit) binary to ASCII

* In: (X) -> n of 32 bits

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hil6    equ    0
lo16    equ    2
digval   equ    4
dbliter  equ    5
dblzflg  equ    6
dblzch   equ    7
frames  set    dblzch+1

dblprez  pshs   d,x,y
        clra
        bra    dbl00
dblpre   PSHS   D,X,Y
        lda    #$20
dbl00    leas   -frames,s
        sta    dblzch,s
        ldd    hil6,x
        std    hil6,s
        ldd    lo16,x
        std    lo16,s

        lda    #dblitr    # powers within table
        sta    dbliter,s  loop iteration count
        leax   dbltbl,pcr highest 10^n
        clr    dblzflg,s

dbl10    lda    #'0
        sta    digval,s

dbl20    ldd    lo16,s      low 16 of N
        subd   lo16,X      minus 10^i
        tfr    d,y
        ldd    hil6,s
        sbcb   hil6+1,X
        sbca   hil6,X
        bcs    dbl30      subtract successful?
        sty    lo16,s      yes, save hi
        std    hil6,s      and low
        inc    digval,s
        bra    dbl20

dbl30    dec    dbliter,s  iteration count
        beq    dbl31      if last, must send a digit
        lda    digval,s    update leading 0 suppression
        suba   #'0
        ora    dblzflg,s
        sta    dblzflg,s
        bne    dbl31
        lda    dblzch,s    get leading 0 suppressor
        beq    dbl32      if none
        sta    digval,s    space

dbl31    pshs   x          save tbl pointer
        leax   digval+2,s  space or digit
        ldy    #1
        ldx    #1

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os9  i$write
puls x
dbl32 leax 4,x      next
      tst  dbliter,s  maybe all done
      bne  dbll0      next power of ten

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dbl80 leas frames,s
puls  d,x,y,pc

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dbltbl
fdb  $3B9A,$CA00 one billion

fdb  $05F5,$E100 hundred million
fdb  $0098,$9600 ten million
fdb  $000F,$4240 one million

fdb  $0001,$86A0 hundred thousand
fdb  $0000,$2710 ten thousand
fdb  $0000,$03E8 one thousand

fdb  $0000,$0064 one hundred
fdb  $0000,$000A ten
fdb  $0000,$0001 one
dblitt equ  (x-dbltbl)/4

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* Static Strings *

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msg0 fcs  "Volume: "
msg1 fcs  " sectors ("
msg2 fcs  " bytes) "
msg3 fcs  " Total: "
msg4 fcs  " Free:  "

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emod
endmod equ  *
end

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